



RCMP "O" DIVISION CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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AIM

To provide RCMP O Division with passive open source information identified on 2022-02-12 by 2000 hours, pertaining to the ongoing protests known as the "Freedom Convoy" at Ontario land and air ports of entry (POE) in Ontario.

KEY FINDINGS

- Despite the recent injunction order at the Ambassador Bridge, people are still arriving to protest.
- **Personal** advised that he just came back from Ottawa and that 5000 people are coming to Windsor. **Perso** was the surety for an individual who has been charged (found not-guilty) with threats to the Prime Minister.
- Although many vehicles have left the area, protesters on foot remain at the Ambassador Bridge.
- A video of the protest at the Ambassador Bridge states that "they" are preparing for tear gas. It is unknown who they are referring to.
- An unconfirmed tweet alleges the **Personal** Family (who own the Ambassador Bridge) have started court proceedings against rally leaders.
- Very few tweets regarding the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia, and tweets appear to be relating to the US side of the bridge.
- The Peace Bridge remains closed and highways surrounding the POE are blocked preventing protesters from entering the region.
- The slow roll in Kingston are ongoing; counter-protestors disrupted the convoy.
- A small number of protestors remain at the Seaway International Bridge in Cornwall. Some farm equipment is being left on site overnight.
- The protest in Gananoque scheduled for today appeared small and peaceful.

NIAGARA REGION

Traffic remains disrupted at the Peace Bridge this evening in Fort Erie. The QEW remains closed by the OPP to try and keep the area clear from protesters. Delayed trucks are now rerouting to Garrison Road until the bridge reopens. Protestors remain at Central Ave and Garrison Road (Figure 1).



Figure 1 Google Map of Peace Bridge truck parking location along Garrison Road, protestors indicated with star at Central Ave & Garrison Road, Fort Erie¹

Rainbow Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Whirlpool Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

Queenston-Lewiston Bridge

No posts of concern regarding this location.

CORNWALL-MASSENA

Tractors and farm equipment are lining the roads near the Seaway International Bridge in Cornwall (Figure 2). Traffic is moving cross border and the protest is peaceful. The number of protestors appears to have decreased to approximately 100-150. Some farm equipment is being left on site overnight to maintain a presence at the bridge.



Figure 2 Post referencing farm tractors at the Seaway International Bridge in Cornwallⁱⁱ

WINDSOR

RCMP Windsor provided an update that a protester, **Personal Info.**, requested to speak with PLT. He indicated that he just came back from Ottawa and as a result of the police action today, there are 5000 more people expected to arrive in Windsor. Database queries located an individual, **Personal Info.**, **Persc.** from Windsor; however, it cannot be confirmed to be the same individual. In 2018, **Perso.** was the surety for **Personal Info.**, who was arrested for making threats to the Prime Minister.ⁱⁱⁱ **Personal** was charged with uttering threats in 2018; he was found not guilty. **Person** has been listed in several police occurrences.

There was a call-out on Twitter for truckers and supporters to come to the Ambassador Bridge to support the Freedom Convoy. At 1447hrs, the twitter account announced that hundreds of Canadians arrived to hold the line in Windsor.^{iv} This suggests that despite the recent injunction order, people are still arriving in Windsor to protest.

One twitter user stated that "Peaceful is the way but there comes a time when you have to lock arms and refuse to be pushed back. Don't know if we're at that point but it's coming".^v Although many vehicles have left the area, protesters on foot remain at the Ambassador Bridge. Protesters may "lock arms" and refuse to be pushed back.

A video of the protest at the Ambassador Bridge states that "they" are preparing for tear gas (Figure 3).^{vi} It is unknown who they are referring to. This information could not be corroborated.

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Figure 3 Twitter post - preparing for tear gas

The same twitter user also tweeted about a rumour that the **Personal** family (who own the Ambassador Bridge) have started court proceedings against the rally leaders.^{vii} No information could be located to corroborate.

SARNIA

Tweets continue relating to the US side of the Blue Water Bridge suggesting there is traffic backed up heading into Canada^{viii} and that trucks are slow rolling near the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, Michigan.^{ix}

SAULT STE. MARIE – MARIE INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE

No posts of concern were observed since the last report.

KINGSTON

Counter-protestors in Kingston interfered with the vehicles involved in the slow roll. Barricades were moved by counter-protestors to prevent vehicles in the freedom convoy from entering the street in front of City Hall (Figures 4, 5 & 6). The protesters were interrupted a second time on Princess St. later in the day. The slow roll was still active as of time of writing.



Figure 4 Post referencing counter protestors in Kingston^x

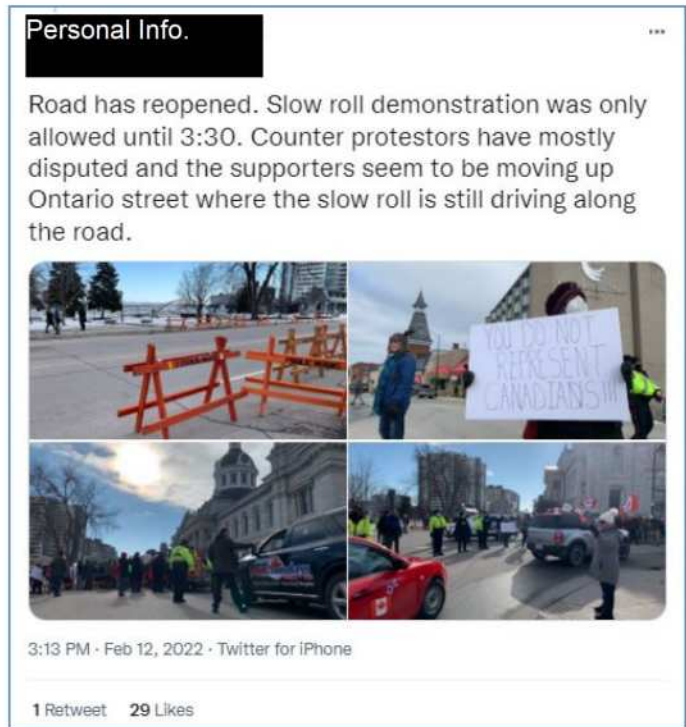


Figure 5 Post referencing location of protest after being rerouted^{xi}



Figure 6 Post referencing counter protestors blocking slow roll at a further location in Kingston^{xii}

Few posts regarding the protest in Gananoque appear on social media. It appears the convoy was small and peaceful (Figure 7).^{xiii}



Figure 7 Post referencing Gananoque protest

FORT FRANCES

OPP Project HENDON reported a demonstration tomorrow 2022-02-13 at noon. Protesters plan to occupy one lane of a two lane roadway with the intention of not blocking traffic.^{xiv}

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OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YOW

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Ottawa International Airport.

TORONTO PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – YYZ

No posts of concern were observed in relation to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (TPIA).

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

- The situation at the Ambassador Bridge remains fluid and evolving. The situation could become volatile with the arrival of more protesters.
- Due to the evolving situations at all of the POEs continued live support is warranted in order to provide situational awareness for RCMP O Division and partner agencies.

LIIMITATIONS

Although effort has been made to review all publicly visible social media and web sources for information relevant to this brief, the absence of threat information herein should not be taken as an exhaustive examination of potential threats. A large volume of information is available online and constantly evolving.

DISSEMINATION

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